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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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TAGS: EAID, ECON, LA

SUBJ: SECOND LAOS AID-SEEKING MISSION

REF: VIENTIANE 8149

1. SUBJECT MISSION HEADED BY MINDEF SISOUK NA
CHAMPASSAK WITH DEPUTY HEAD BOUSSABONG SOUVANNAVONG
(PL SECSTATE FOR FINANCE) RETURNED VIENTIANE SUNDAY
(EXCEPT SISOUK, WHO REMAINED FRANCE) AFTER VISITING
UK, NETHERLANDS, AND WEST GERMANY. DID NOT VISIT
BELGIUM, AUSTRIA, ITALY OR ISRAEL AS PLANNED. ACCORDING
TO PLAN MEMBER OF MISSION, IT SECURED SIGNIFICANT NEW AID
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COMMITMENTS FROM NETHERLANDS AND WEST GERMANY.

2. NETHERLANDS PROMISED GRANT OF \$3.0 MILLION OF WHICH \$1.0 MILLION TO BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH MEKONG COMMITTEE BUT EARMARKED ONLY FOR LAOS. RESIDUAL \$2.0 MILLION TO BE USED AS AGREED BETWEEN PARTIES. NETHERLANDS SAID TO HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST IN MAKING CONTRIBUTION TO FEOF. THIS PROPOSAL WILL BE CONSIDERED BY PGNU IN CONNECTION WITH RENEWAL OF FEOF AGREEMENTS.

3. WEST GERMANY AFFIRMED LOAN OF DM 15 MILLION AT THREE QUARTERS PER CENT INTEREST AND TWO GRANTS OF DM 0.5 MILLION AND DM 3.0 MILLION FOR COMMODITIES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESPECTIVELY. APPROX. DM 5.5 MILLION OF LOAN TO BE APPLIED COST OVER-RUN NAM NGUM II; REMAINDER PRIMARILY FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED PLAN HAD BEEN TO ABSORB COST OVER-RUN IN PRECEDING DM 20 MILLION LOAN OF WHICH DM 11.5 MILLION ORIGINALLY DESIGNATED FOR NAM NGUM. UNDER PRESENT PLAN, FULL DM 8.5 MILLION RESIDUAL OF FIRST NAM NGUM LOAN WILL PURCHASE EARTH-MOVING AND PROBABLY SAW-MILL AND WOOD WORKING EQUIPMENT.

4. UK SHOWED INTEREST IN LAO NEEDS BUT COULD ONLY OFFER MORAL SUPPORT AT THIS TIME IN ADDITION TO CURRENT AID DONATIONS.

5. IN BOTH NETHERLANDS AND WEST GERMANY SISOUK AND BOUSSABONG SAID TO HAVE DISAGREED PUBLICLY REGARDING LAO INTEREST IN CONSULTATIVE GROUP. SISOUK INDICATED SUPPORT WHILE BOUSSABONG STATED HE FEARED SUCH GROUP WOULD DICTATE AID NEEDS AND INPUTS TO LAOS.

6. MISSION SCRUBBED BELGIUM VISIT WHEN PARIS BELGIAN EMBASSY (AFTER CONSULTATION WITH BRUSSELS) INDICATED THAT NO AID WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AND THAT GOB NOT PREPARED TO TALK. ISRAEL POSTPONED BECAUSE OF CURRENT ECONOMIC AND SECURITY TENSIONS ALTHOUGH GOI WAS ANXIOUS TO HAVE VISIT AT THIS TIME. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALTHOUGH PRELIMINARY REPORTS SUGGESTED THAT AUSTRIA WOULD BE ON ITINERARY, NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO INITIATE CONTACTS. ITALY ALSO ELIMINATED BECAUSE OF POLITICAL SITUATION CONDITIONS.

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